

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study**

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles H. Stonestreet Property

and/or common Cynthia Marshall Property

**2. Location:**

street & number <sup>4530</sup>~~4350~~ Middletown Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Pomfret ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

**3. Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Cynthia Marshall c/o Evelyn Barbour

street & number 79-E Highway 425 telephone no.:

city, town Indian Head state and zip code MD 20640

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 1626

street & number 101 Catalpa Drive folio 103

city, town La Plata state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title N/A

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository/survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No.: CH-235 ~~(PACS BT3)~~

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Resource Count: 3

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Charles H. Stonestreet Property is a 1½-story tobacco barn on the north side of Pomfret Road in the Pomfret vicinity of Charles County. Constructed circa 1900, the parcel historically contained a house which is no longer extant. It is not known when the house was demolished. The tobacco barn is no longer in use.

The structure has a standing seam metal, gable roof. The barn is of wood-frame construction and has a pair of double doors on the south elevation.

There are two buildings associated with the barn. The first building is a 2-car garage with an asphalt shingle gable roof. Constructed circa 1970, the garage is of concrete block construction and is located east of the barn.

The second building is a mobile home. The mobile home is abandoned and is located east of the barn and the garage.

The property is located on the east side of Middletown Road at the junction with Pomfret Road. The site is level, and there are woods to the north and east. The property's setting is a rural area of woods, farms, small cottages, and ranch houses.

## 8. Significance

Survey No.: CH-235 (PACS B13)

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates circa 1900

Builder/Architect

check:      Applicable Criteria:    ☐ A   ☐ B   ☐ C   ☐ D  
   and/or  
                 Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A   ☐ B   ☐ C   ☐ D   ☐ E   ☐ F   ☐ G  
                 Level of Significance:   ☐ national       ☐ state       ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Charles H. Stonestreet Property was originally situated on 80.94 hectares (200 acres) of "Shadeland" purchased in 1893. A house and barn were constructed on the land circa 1900. It is not known when the house was demolished. The land associated with the premises was reduced to 28.32 hectares (70 acres) when it was sold to William Henry Marshall in 1909. The lot was further reduced to 1.46 hectares (3.63 acres) when it was acquired by Henry A. Marshall through the division of the estate of William Henry Marshall in 1955. The parcel had attained its current size, 1.42 hectares (3.51 acres), by the time of its conveyance in 1969 by Henry A. Marshall to his son, Henry Carlton Marshall. The widow of Henry Carlton, Cynthia Marshall, and his sons, Bryan Marshall and Rondrell Marshall, acquired the property from the estate of Henry Carlton Marshall in 1992. There are no detailed, published historic maps or atlas of Charles County, Maryland which locate and indicate ownership of buildings.

The Charles Stonestreet Property is a tobacco barn. The production of tobacco created the need for a barn designed for the special storage and "curing" of the crop. The structures were long, wooden buildings with a gable roof. The interior had a central aisle and was divided into compartments by a network of wooden beams and "tie-poles." From these beams the tobacco was hung and allowed to naturally air-dry. To facilitate the curing process, the barns were designed with several methods of ventilation. Many barns had windows or ventilators near the roof ridge, while others had vertical board siding which were hinged for vent openings or loosely spaced. Another common feature was the elevation of the barn on "legs" which provided air circulation from below the barn (Caravan 1995, 37).

Barn construction followed ethnic traditions. Dutch barns were nearly square and covered with a highly pitched roof. They employed a three-bay design with a large door at the center and smaller doors at the eaves which allowed access for the livestock. Hay was stored in a loft area above the animals. The English barn also contained three bays but with a long horizontal face and a low pitched gable roof. Where Dutch and English settlement coincided, a barn which combined construction styles developed (Arthur and Witney 1988, 36-83).

Foundation walls were frequently of fieldstone masonry construction which was also used most frequently for gable end walls before the mid nineteenth century, when increasing supplies and reduced cost of pre-cut lumber led to the adoption of wood. Vertical sheathing was often used for front and rear facades from an early date. Roofs were covered with shingle, slate, or metal. On late eighteenth and early nineteenth century barns, a series of tall vertical vents, or embrasures, punctuated the walls, providing ventilation and illumination of the barn's interior. The wood walls of later barns featured louvers and windows for the same purpose.

# CONTINUATION SHEET

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

### STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Charles H. Stonestreet Property

SURVEY NO.: CH-235 (PACS B13)

ADDRESS: 4350 Middletown Road, Pomfret vicinity, Charles County

## 8. Significance (Continued)

The Charles H. Stonestreet Property is located in Charles County, in southern Maryland. The Native American inhabitants of southern Maryland from the Piscataway and Potobac nations were joined by European settlers beginning in 1634 with the establishment of St. Mary's City by Leonard Calvert. Successive waves of colonists took up tracts of land further inland from the Chesapeake Bay along the Patuxent and Potomac rivers and their tributaries. Charles County was formed in 1658 and Prince George's County was established in 1696. Settlement was confined to inland areas until road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of both Charles and Prince George's counties until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion necessitated agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in 1873 linked Prince George's and Charles counties with the surrounding area, encouraging trade and settlement. While the suburbanization of Prince George's and Charles counties was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, these southern Maryland counties have also retained their rural and agricultural character.

### NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

Constructed circa 1900, the Charles Stonestreet Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of an architectural type common to the area. The barn has also lost its historic association with agriculture; the house historically associated with the barn is no longer extant, the barn is no longer used and it is located in a vacant lot overgrown with vegetation. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility Recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, OPS: Suzanne Pickens

Date: 07/21/1997

Reviewer, NR Program: *[Signature]*

Date: 4/4/01

*[Signature]*



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RESOURCE NAME: Charles H. Stonestreet Property

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### NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility Recommended

Eligibility Not Recommended **XX**

Comments: **NEED STANDARD SX / PHOTO**

Reviewer, OPS: **C. Ruder**

Date: **10/2/96**

Reviewer, NR Program:

Date:

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.: CH-235 (~~PACS B13~~)

See Continuation Sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name La Plata, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Caroline Hall/Ryan McKay

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date September 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
(410) 514-7600

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Charles H. Stonestreet Property

SURVEY NO.: CH-235 ~~(PACS-B13)~~

ADDRESS: 4350 Middletown Road, Pomfret vicinity, Charles County

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

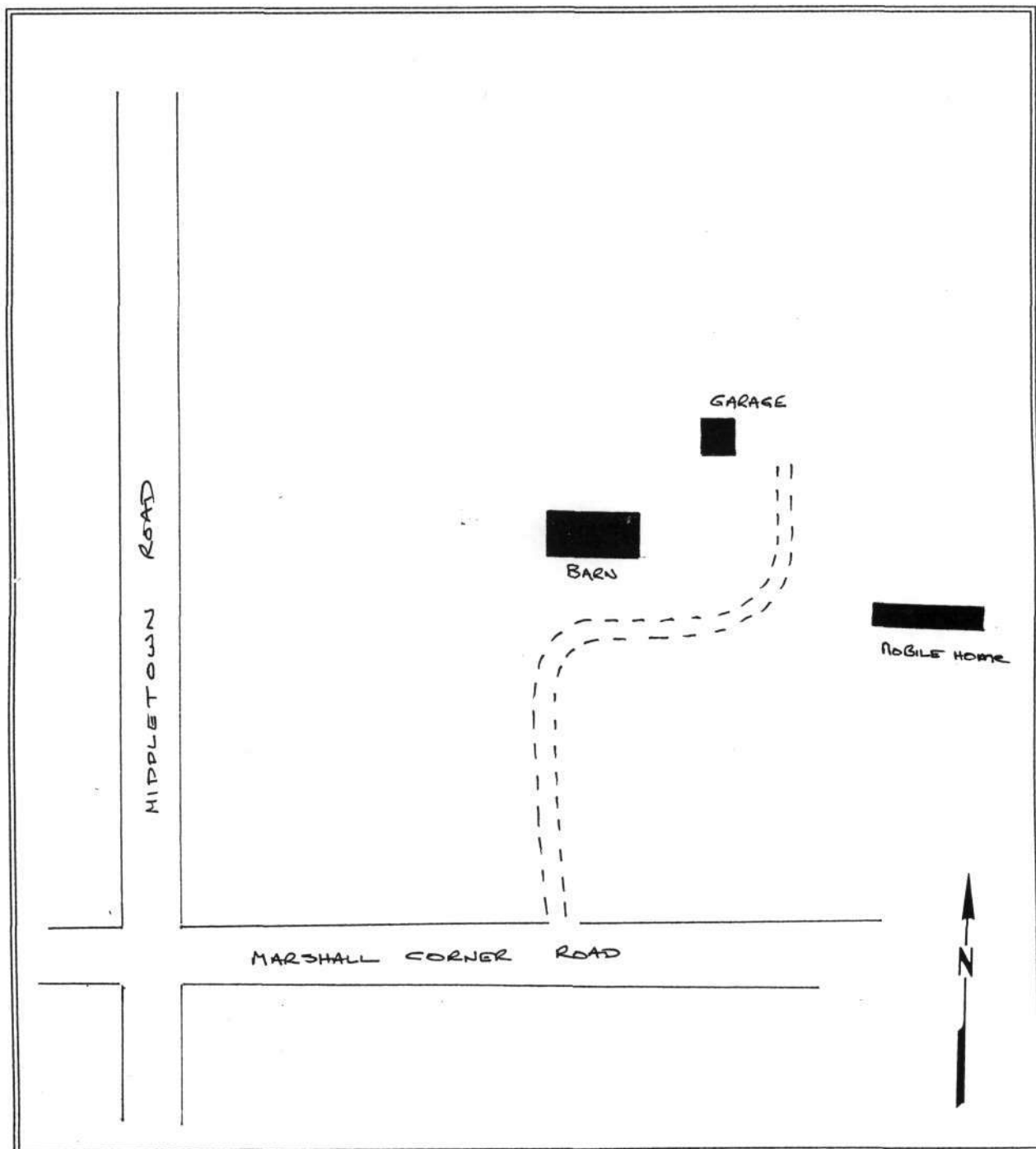
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ADDRESS: 4350 Middletown Road, Pomfret vicinity, Charles County

10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:





**Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet**

Charles Stonestreet Property; CH-235 (~~PACS-B10~~)  
4350 Middletown Road, vicinity of Pomfret, Charles County

**Historic Context:**

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings; Private Ownership; Public Acquisition - Not  
applicable; Unoccupied; Not accessible; Vacant

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Farm, tobacco and livestock

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

U.S. 301 South Corridor

Transportation Study

Survey # B-13 CH-235

Property Name Charles Stonestreet Property

Town/County Pomfret vicinity/Charles Co

Quadrangle La Plata





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- 1 CH-235
- 2 Charles H Stonestreet Property  
Charles County
- 3 Ryan McKay, 9/94
- 4 P.A.C. Spero & company, 40. W. Chesapeake  
Ave, Ste 412, Towson md 21204
- 5 4330 Middlebarn Road South  
elevation of Barn North view
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2 Charles H Stonestield Property  
Charles County, MD

3 Ryan McKay, 9/96

4 P.A.C. Spero & Company, 40 W. Chesapeake  
Ave, Ste. 412, Towson md 21204

5 4350 Middletown Road North end  
east elevations of barn Southwest  
6 2 of 4 view



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- 3 Ryan McKay, 9/9/06
- 4 P.A.C. Sporo & Company, 40. N. Chesapeake  
Ave, Ste 412, Towson md 21204
- 5 4350 Middletown Road, Garage  
South and east elevations North  
west view
- 6 3 of 4



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2 Charles H. Stonestreet Property  
Charles County, MD

3 Ryan McKay, 9/96

4 P.A.C. Sporo & Company, 45 W. Chesapeake  
Ave, Ste 412, Towson MD 21204

5 4350 Middletown Road, Mobile home,  
South and West elevations, North  
east view

6  
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